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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: STATE 200540

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUPERSEDES REFTEL.
2. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE AUTHORITIES RECENTLY DETAINED TWO JOURNALISTS ON GROUNDS OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THAT NATION'S PRESS REGISTRATION LAWS.

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3. EMPEROR BOKASSA ANNOUNCED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON JULY 21 THAT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE PROHIBITED FROM VISITING THE C.A.E. EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLY BY DIRECT APPLICATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR THE IMPERIAL COURT. WHEN APPLYING FOR A VISA JOURNALISTS SHOULD CLEARLY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS SUCH AND OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT THE VISA HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY APPROVED BY

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BANGUI. UPON ARRIVAL JOURNALISTS SHOULD FULLY COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING LAW.

4. A CENTRAL AFRICAN PRESIDENTIAL DECREE DATED OCTOBER 23, 1975 ANNOUNCED IMMIGRATION AND PROFESSIONAL CONTROL FOR VISITING JOURNALISTS. HENCEFORTH ALL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ARRIVING IN THE C.A.E. ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL VISA AND A "CARTE DE JOURNALISTS" FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE. THE LATTER CARD COSTS 100,000 CFA (DOLLARS 400), OF WHICH 80,000 CFA IS REFUNDABLE UPON DEPARTURE.

5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THIS ADVISORY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AFRICA. CHRISTOPHER

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